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Mallory Joins National Fight Against Global Warming Mayor and Council Member Cole sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

Cincinnati - Today, Mayor Mark Mallory continued his efforts to make environmental health issues a priority in Cincinnati by signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Mayor Mallory is joining mayors across the nation in taking the lead on improving environmental health at the local level. The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement began as an initiative of Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels.

The agreement pledges to implement common-sense environmental policies to reduce both energy usage and energy costs. Policies include promoting "green buildings," increasing the fuel efficiency of city vehicles, incorporating energy efficient technology in city buildings, and promoting alternative forms of transportation. The agreement also calls on the federal government to develop policies and programs that will reduce global warming pollution and reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil by encouraging the development of alternative sources of energy.

"Signing this agreement is an important step in the Greening of Cincinnati," Mayor Mark Mallory said. "We are sending a message that these issues are real and that we must pay attention to them. It is time to take proactive steps to improve and protect the environmental health and safety of our city."

"Working to create an environmentally friendly city is important now more than ever," Council Member Laketa Cole said. "This is not only a global warming issue, or a fossil fuel issue, but it is also a public health issue." Council Member Cole brought a resolution in support of the agreement before City Council and it passed on June 7.

As of June 23, 250 mayors nationwide have signed onto the agreement. However, with today's signing, Mayor Mallory becomes only the fifth Ohio Mayor to sign. Cincinnati is the largest Ohio City to endorse the agreement. Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin and former Toledo Mayor Jack Ford have signed the agreement along with the Mayor of Brooklyn, Ohio, Kenneth E. Patton, and the Mayor of Garfield Heights, Ohio, Thomas J. Longo.

Mallory and Cole were joined at the press conference by Larry Fahn, the National Board President of the Sierra Club; representatives of the Blue Green Alliance, state co-chair Carla Henthorn and National Director Dave Foster; and Chad Edwards, architect with KZF Design, project architect on University of Cincinnati Campus Recreation Center.

"With the signing of this agreement, Cincinnati is not only turning the corner on global warming

and energy efficiency, but we are also turning the corner on creating new jobs and exploring new technologies,” said Larry Fahn, National Board President of the Sierra Club.

The signing ceremony took place at the new University of Cincinnati Campus Recreation Center, widely considered Cincinnati’s first “Green Building” because it meets all LEED Standards (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). The UC Campus Recreation Center incorporates several green technologies and design features, including solar screens on the windows, motion sensors to control the lights in the class rooms, extensive use of natural lighting, and a system that collects rainwater to be used for irrigation. The building was constructed using local building materials to reduce pollution caused by transportation; and between 70 and 75% of the construction material waste was recycled.

In April, Mayor Mallory and Council Member David Crowley announced plans to re-open the Office of Environmental Management (OEM). After a series of meetings a planning group composed of city officials, local organizations, and interested parties developed a series of recommendations for a new Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ). Mayor Mallory plans to include the new OEQ in his budget that he will present to Council in the Fall.

For more information:

Link to U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement website
<http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/mayor/climate/>

List of participating mayors
<http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/mayor/climate/quotes.htm#mayors>

Attached: Copy of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;

B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act sponsored by Senators McCain and Lieberman and Representatives Gilchrist and Olver, which would create a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and

C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:

1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, and recovering landfill methane for energy production;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and
12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.